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THE Republican platform contains one unaccountable omission-a declaration of thanks of Mr. Bryan.

THE Czar has very properly refused to send Kuropatkin 250,000 more men. Ap- making due proof of the fact, according parently he has about 100,000 more men now than he can handle.

EX-SENATOR James K. Jones, Chairman of the National Democratic Committee, says that "Mr. Bryan will not bolt." This is a matter of more consequence to Mr. Bryan than to anybody else, because his bolting would be absolute destruction to himself as a political factor. STILL the lack of casualties among the

Russian higher officers is painfully evident. This is a most significent indication of the utter rottenness of the Russian army system. There is nothing for which a man of sense would care to risk his life in battle. Knowing the corruption everywhere about him, he falls in with the rest, and seeks first of all his personal safety. Public spirit and patriotism seem absolutely dead among the educated classes.

THE BRITISH have had another "severe battle" in Thibet, in which it is said that the Thibetans held strongly a monastery and "were only driven out after four hours day significance, convey to the average, of artillery, infantry, and hand-to-hand fighting." How awfully severe this must have been is indicated by the report that the British lost five men killed and six wounded. A good, lively football game, with that many men engaged, would result in a great many more casualties.

THE stupidity of the Russian soldier is They say he can not be taught to take care of modern inventions. For this reason the Bess smoothbore to oppose the long-range rifles with which the British and French were armed. It is likely that things are no better now in the East.

IT HAS now become a question whether Gen. Kuropatkin will be allowed to retreat to Harbin. He has permitted the Japanese to come up unmolested on so pension, after satisfying himself that the in an Ohio regiment. many sides of him, that they are within claimant had served 90 days, had been At the time that the crowd gathered in striking distance of his line of retreat, and honorably discharged, and was then dis- front of the White House to celebrate the may prevent his getting away at all. If abled. What rules he should make for fall of Richmond, the bands played all the they should succeed in capturing him just measuring this disability and graduating patriotic tunes, and then somebody suggestnow, at the beginning of the rainy season, the allowance was left entirely to his dis- ed "Dixie," to which there was some dis- be what has been foreshadowed by Th possible for months, it will probably end he could make a discrimination between ready wit, asked the band to play "Dixie." the war.

Newchwang, which will be in a few days, vice versa. The whole thing was placed, became National property. the question of supplies will be somewhat unreservedly in his hands, in a way that Emmett was 86 years old when he died, mitigated, because Newchwang is 150 miles The National Tribune protested against and he appeared on the stage up until four north of Port Arthur. Still, Newchwang this for years, as giving him too much years ago. is 250 miles from the watershed range, latitude and power. which will probably limit their advance, and we can readily understand the difficulty of supplying an army by a single rail- harshness by Commissioners Lochren and road, and that not a good one, at a dis- Evans; but, still, it was the law, and they tance, say, of from Washington to Wheeling over a range of mountains much higher that The National Tribune could say was and more precipitous than the Alleganies.

OF COURSE, ants will kill the boll weevil, if there are enough of them, and therefore there is hope for the success of the Agricultural Department experiments. Ants are the most voracious creatures in the whole animal kingdom, and anything living in their vicinity will be killed if they can kill it. They attack insects and even small animals with regular armies, apparently disciplined and moving at the word of command. One of the finest exhibitions of strategy is said to be the attack of an army of ants upon a grasshopper. If the ants are sufficient in numbers they living about them, as those of us will remember who, during the war, had the good fortune to come upon an anthill when our the joys of army life to see the wicked

is nevertheless certain that we must in the and Commissioner's duties and preroganear future take charge of Haiti and Santo tives. Domingo. Not that we want to, but because we will have to. The continued outrageous performances of those semibarbarians, their utter disregard of interna- the National Committee announce that the tional decency, will not be tolerated much main fighting will be in New Jersey and longer, and we shall have to put a firm West Virginia in the East, in Illinois and correcting hand upon them, or permit some Wisconsin in the interior, and in the West European power to do so. This, of course, in Idaho and Utah, because of the uncerunder the Monroe Doctrine, we would not tainty of the Mormon vote, and in Colotolerate, and so the duty will devolve upon rado, on account of the labor troubles. the globe. There is no far-away island of being a pivotal State, although it ha or remote coast in the world where pass- steadily gone Republican by big majorities ing ships and strangers who may enter the for a number of years. Attention will be country are not safer than in Haiti and paid to Nebraska, in order to block Mr. Santo Domingo. That there should be such Bryan's attempt to break into the Senate. Russians had apparently about 20,000 or a plaguespot right along the main highway The campaign in New York will be con- 25,000 men, with 18 pieces of artillery, ocof the world is not to be endured, and the ducted by Gov. Odell, as he did four years cupying an "impregnable position," which lisagreeable necessity will come of apply- ago. He has, as he then had, a perfect they had been fortifying for three months. ing the remedy. There is such a thing at organization, and it is felt that the re- And yet they were driven out of it with a National responsibility, and we must ac sult is not at all uncertain. This is all loss of only 80 killed among the defenders, sept for ourselves the same rule that the very well for the present, but Presidential and 180 killed and wounded among the as- confusion give the Russians nervous pros-European nations are now applying to campaigns are full of surprises, and there sailants. This can hardly be called fight- tration, when they advance and occupy the France with regard to Morocco.

THE LEGALITY OF ORDER NO. 78. Only three classes of persons persist in their attacks upon the legality and propriety of Order 78. These are:

pensions on sentimental grounds, hating the men who interfered with the plan to establish a Southern Confederacy, and who by their courage and fortitude wrecked that promising conspiracy.

expenditure of the Government's funds and the distribution of money from the Treasury all over the country, out of any possibility of control of the money power. Administration, and seize every pretext to find fault with it.

There is absolutely nothing more selfproper than that Order. The very lan- to an even higher degree of usefulness. guage of the Act supports, to any reasonable, thinking man, all that the order im-The Act reads as follows:

"All persons who served 90 days or

the United States during the late war of the rebellion, and who have been honorably discharged therefrom, and who are now or who may hereafter be suffering their intention to be present. from a mental or physical disability of a permanent character, not the result of their own vicious habits, which incapacitates them from the performance of manual labor in such a degree as to render to such rules and regulations as the Secre-United States, and be entitled to receive a pension not exceeding \$12 per month, and not less than \$6 per month, proporsupport; and such pension shall commence from the date of filing of the application in the Pension Office, after June 27 existed, and shall continue during the existence of the same: Provided, That persons who are now receiving pensions under existing laws, or whose claims are pending in the Pension Office, may, by application to the Commissioner of Pen ions, in such form as he may prescribe, showing themselves entitled thereto, receive the benefits of this section; and nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to prevent any pensioner thereunder from prosecuting his claim and receiving his pension under any other general or special act: Provided, however That no person shall receive more than filed under this section.

Now what idea does the reading of this act, giving the words their plain, everysensible man? It is that it was the intent of Congress to pension, up to \$12 a month, all survivors of the war of the rebellion who had served 90 days and had been honorably discharged, and who were suffering from any physical or mental disability which interfered with their gaining a livelihood. This is the whole intent and purport of the Act. Congress recognized an excuse given by the higher officers for that all men who went through the war in the army or navy had probably suffered \$12 per month

The only requirements and restrictions larly good care of his slaves. WHEN the Japanese get possession of worse disability than heart trouble or quiesced in the idea, and therefore Dixie

> The wide discretion given the Secretary of the Interior was used with terrible were within their powers. The utmost that they kept within the letter of the law. while killing its spirit, and defeating the

Order No. 78 simply exercises this unquestioned discretion and the undoubted in accord with the beneficiary spirit in death. which it was framed, and in which it was Mr. White says that one of the curses of Pensions have the most absolute right to habit nothing can break them.

sion. They have the power to say that 62 in the Crimean War. Foreign journals years, 66 years, and 70 years shall be dis- were suppressed, and page after page of pension, just as undoubtedly they have the were blotted out by the censors, yet someright to say that anchylosis of the elbow- how the people found out that defeat had little ants collar and drag off to furnish joint shall be a disability entitling a man followed defeat, and that Sevastopol was finger shall give a man \$6 per month, and also found out that the Commissary Dething else that can not run faster than an a specific disability, and fixing the rate for

it. There is not even a chance for a lawyer's quibble between the different in-UNPLEASANT as may be the thought, it stances of the exercise of the Secretary's

> It is pretty early yet to be giving out exact information, but the Republicans of

Gen. John C, Black, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, has 1. They who are bitterly opposed to returned to Washington from a very successful tour, during which he visited the at Rochester: Indiana, at Winona; Michigan, at Battle Creek; Pennsylvania, at Gettysburg; besides meeting thousands of 2. They who are hostile to pensions comrades at other points, particularly Chi- Department of the Interior, Bureau of upon an economic basis, because of the cago. At every place he was greeted with marked enthusiasm, and made speeches which, we know, met the happiest acceptance, and greatly encouraged the comrades. Gen. Black has in a rare degree the faculty 3. They who are anxious to attack the of getting in touch with his audience, and is due to the loyal and intelligent men and awakening in them thoughts responsive to Bureau during the last year. his own. He urgently admonished the comrades as to their duties to themselves and defensible or more obviously right and to one another, and to build up the Order

This is the last tour of the Commander in-Chief, as the last Department Encampplies, and gives it the fullest justification. ment has now been held, and everything centers upon the coming National Encampment at Boston in August. It is expected more in the military or naval service of that the attendance there will be very great, as the comrades everywhere manifes a deep interest in the matter, and express

DEATH OF THE AUTHOR OF "DIXIE." Dan Emmett, famous in the hey-day of negro minstrelsy as one of the best of that them unable to earn a support, shall, upon class of performers, and the composer of the "walk-around" "Dixie," died at his tary of the Interior may provide, be placed home at Mount Vernon, O., June 28. Emupon the list of invalid pensioners of the mett, who had a considerable talent for getting up attractive "scenes" and "turns' for minstrel performances, compose tioned to the degree of inability to earn a "Dixie" one afternoon when there was a urgent demand for something new that evening. It was technically a "walk 1890, upon proof that the disability then around"—that is, a thing in which there i a great deal of noise and jingle, intended to break the ice at the beginning of the performance, and start the fun with bang. There were thousands of such things gotten up from first to last, some of which had years of success. They were all absolutely destitute of any poetic or musical merit, and were hardly intended to have any. The words were anything that would make sound, and their meaning of little consequence. Among these old-time "walkarounds" which had the longest life and the one pension for the same period: And provided further, That rank in the service greatest popularity, were "Ain't I Glad to shall not be considered in applications Get Out of the Wilderness?" "Billy Patterson," "Oh, Susanna!" "Bob Ridley," etc. "Ain't I Glad to Get Out of the Wilderness" was a favorite with the bands in the Union army, and was frequently played, especially in the West. The rebels took up "Billy Patterson," and made a very stirring war song out of it, entitled "Stone wall Jackson Crossing into Maryland." But none of them took like "Dixie." It first

> it immediately assumed the name. The name "Dixie" seems to have been Gen. Mercer's son served a brief term

pairments should not be the result of the South was one of the most surprising erate army, and died in 1877. vicious habits. Everything else was put in things. They have taken it, however, and the discretion of the Secretary of the In- it promises to be a permanent designation. terior. He was given the fullest and the Dan Emmett was a thoroughly loyal seems idle. If Gen. Kuropatkin can no most absolute power to grant any man a man, and, we believe, served for a while

RUSSIA IN WAR TIMES.

The Hon. Andrew D. White, late Embassador to Germany, and a veteran publicist, was an attache of the United States Legation at St. Petersburg during the Crimean War, and gives some eminently interesting reminiscences of Russia at that time. He plain intent and purport of the lawmak- saw the breakdown of the severe old autocrat, Nicholas I, who had thought that he present execution of the law more nearly his heart and undoubtedly hastened his

select any feature of a claimant's case as The people were allowed to know as litfrom the inside.

IN THE last important engagement, the it was sure to come. is no telling what a day may bring forth. ing.

GRAND ROUNDS OF THE COMMANDER-IN- CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE COM-Headquarters Grand Army of the Republic.

Washington, D. C., June 21, 1904. Hon. E. F. Ware, Commissioner of Pen-Dear Mr. Commissioner: With all my heart I congratulate you upon the wonder-Department Encampments of New York, ful record which you have made during the current year, unmatched and unsurpass-able, as I believe it to be.

Very sincerely yours, JOHN C. BLACK.

Pensions. Washington, D. C., June 27, 1904. Hon, John C. Black, Commander-in-Chief G. A. R., Washington, D. C. My Dear General: Your kind favor of June 21st is at hand. The glory and hono women who have been working in this It delights me that you appreciate their

communicated to them. Yours truly.

E. F. WARE, Commissioner.

MONUMENT TO GEN. MERCER. Congress, in fulfilment of an agreement made more than a century ago, appropriated \$25,000 in 1892 for a monument to Gen. Hugh Mercer, of the Revolutionary army, and a contract has just been let for its erection at Fredericksburg, Va. Gen. Mercer was born in Scotland in 1720, educated as a physician, and served as a Surgeon in the army of the "Young Pretender" at Culloden. Consequently, after the defeat, Scotland became unpleasant quarters for him, and he settled in Virginia, where he took part in the Indian wars and in Braddock's defeat. He was wounded there, and had a perilous and painful time in making his way back to Fort Cumberland. At the outbreak of the Revolution he was comand Gen. Washington had him promoted to Brigadier-General. He was an excellent soldier, and rendered great service at Trenton. In the battle of Princeton he led the vanguard, composed principally of militia, who recoiled before the attack of the British soldiers, and in attempting to rally them he was knocked down by a musket in the hands of an English soldier. He partly rose, defended himself with his sword, refused quarters, and was bayoneted and left for dead on the field. He recovered sufficiently to be taken to a house in their neighborhood, and died two weeks later. His corpse was followed to the grave in Philadelphia by upwards of 30,000 people. Congress made provision for the education of his youngest son.

The monument will bear the following

"Sacred to the memory of Hugh Mercer, Brigadier-General in the Army of the United States. He died on the 12th of January, 1777, of the wounds he received on the 3d of the same month, near Princeton, in New Jersey, bravely defending the captured New Orleans, and then spread liberties of America. The Congress of the over the South. No one had ever heard of United States, in testimony of his virtues the South being called "Dixie" before, but and their gratitude, have caused this monument to be erected.

service, and it therefore was the duty of has been alleged that there was a man his grandson, Hugh Weedon Mercer, was Russian soldiers were taken into the Cri- the Government to give them assistance, named Dixie living on Long Island, in the a cadet at West Point, graduating third mean war with the old-fashioned Brown and this assistance could go as high as old days when slavery existed in New York, in the class of 1828. He was assigned to and that he was noted for taking particu- the artillery, and resigned in 1835 to become cashier of a bank in Savannah. He that Congress imposed were that the im- The adoption of the name "Dixie" for was a Brigadier-General in the Confed-

THE talk of a great battle for Mukden whip one of the armies closing in upon him. or even a detachment of one of the armies he certainly can not whip nor will hardly dare fight three, when they have accomplished their concentration. The result will which will render further operations im- cretion. So far as the law was concerned, sent. but President Lincoln, with his usual National Tribune from the first, that the Russians will evidently fall back to the line black hair and red hair, if he so chose. saying that we had captured the song along of the Sungari, with outposts on the moun-He could say that rheumatism was a with everything else. The crowd actain range which forms the watershed between the streams flowing into the Sungari River, and those which flow directly to the sea in Korea Bay, and the Gulf of Liao- back to the dock. tung. This mountain range is about 400 miles north of Port Arthur, and 200 miles south of Harbin, and forms a natural boundary. When the Japanese have gotten 400 miles away from their base, the question of supplies is likely to become so urgent as to be overwhelming, especially as the rainy season is about setting in, and travel almost impossible. Therefore, in all probability the campaign will end with the Russian outposts on one side of the range between Harbin and Mukden, and the could reform Russia and infuse a spirit of Japanese occupying the other side. The honesty and capacity into its public service Japanese will find it difficult to advance, prerogative of the Secretary of the Interior by rigid sternness. The collapse of Rus- and the Russians quite difficult to mainand the President to ameliorate the conditions of the preceding administrations ain, France, Sardinia and Turkey showed base. There may be a question even as to of the Pension Bureau, and bring the him how futile his hopes were. It broke whether the Russians will be able to maintain themselves at Harbin. They will certainly not be if they depend upon the supplies brought them by the Siberian Railintended to be executed. The Secretary Russia is the raw corn whiskey, vodka, to road. We have heard a great deal about of the Interior and the Commissioner of which they are all addicted, and from which the richness of the Sungari Valley, and the great work the Russians have done in will immediately destroy all other insects a basis upon which to allow him a penwar have, however, been such as to throw ability entithing a man to specific rates of such papers as could get into the empire the Russians as to preparedness or forethe gravest doubts upon any assertions by

their meat houses the vicious fellows who to \$8 per month, that the loss of the index gone and the Russian fleet destroyed. They claims that the Japanese are not Asiatics, any cotton grower can get enough of these the loss of an eye \$12 per month. It can-partment had utterly collapsed, and that Ten Lost Tribes of Israel. If the Lost but in all probability descendants of the not be seen where this order No. 78 differs its collapse was due to scoundrelism in Tribes of Israel were not Asiatics, what there will be no boll weevils left or any- from every other Bureau order describing high places. Money which should have were they? He goes on to point out how gone to feed the soldiers had been squan- many religious, ceremonies and other cusdered at the gambling tables at Homburg toms of the Japanese are evidently of Jewand Paris. The result of all this was the ish origin, and similar to those mentioned get up to the Grand Review, which don't conviction borne in upon Mr. White that in the Bible. "Of course it had to come Russia, powerful as she seems when viewed to this. The Japanese can not escape it. from the outside, is very weak when seen The Ten Lost Aribes of Israel have been saddled onto every people on the earth. A The autocracy has a thousand evident vast amount of writing and alleged scholweaknesses, beginning with the theory that arship has been expended in proving that any one man, and not a very high class one after another of the Indian tribes were man either, can do the thinking for a those vanished lews. A very strong case hundred million of people. Yet there is no was made out for the Sioux of North Dasign of a real uprising against this condi- kota, and an equally strong one for the tion of things, because there is no middle Zunis. There is no doubt in the minds of class. There are many noble characters those who hold that theory that the Aleuin Russia, who feel acutely the degradation tians of Alaska are those wandering Laraelus. To-day Haiti and Santo Domingo are more unsafe than any other portion of the globe. There is no far-away island the globe. There is no far-away island the globe in Russia, who feel acutely the degradation that the by the the service of the United States, and just the same's officers. They're intoirely too of their country, but they are a small and they are a small and of being a pivotal State, although it has very sad minority. The lower class is kept written to demonstrate that the English in besotted ignorance, from which there are the lost tribes. The Japanese have simply had to take their turn, that is all. Though a Captain of a steamer has ung nity by the hayload, he suffered when he neck, and he took a good square look at tory. While the exports of iron, steel and It has been some time coming to them, but came up against one of the old-fashioned you. He's dominick, clear through," an-

> THE explanation of the battles in the East would seem to be that the Japanese



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"WHY DON'T YOU DOUBLE-QU.CK?" SNORTED THE CAPTAIN. "THIS AIN'T DRESS

The lookout in the bow reported to the | ment of annoying and hurting outsiders.

"Some communication in regard to Jeff knife. He rubbed roughly against Shorty, Davis," said the distinguished passengers, as if he was offensively in the way, and

hurry. We've no time to lose. Come, as if hand fell upon his collar and jerked him

sint the rijiment in the Grrrand Rrrrre- did as bidden, without venturing a word

upright.

the Sergeant.

"Who the"

their eyesight.

velocity and recklessness.

Items of freight and articles of deck fur-

allousness, partly through ruffianly enjoy-

with special malice to the "sojer-men,"

whom every sea-going man feels it his duty and delight to hate.

ing over the deck as if aimed directly at

him, and dodged the sweep of a spar being

The Second Mate, a low-browed bully,

swaggered by, dealing out curses and foul

language to the deck-hands for their slug-

gishness. His thin coat fell over the han-

dle of a revolver and the hilt of a bowie

elbowed Si. Both stood back apologetical-

ly, as if intruders on his domain. He was

passing Serg't Byrnes with the surly ob-

liviousness he would show toward a stanch-

ion or a hatch, when the Sergeant's mighty

of him as the Sergeant commanded:

and salute, or it'll be worse for you.

ness in recognizing a master, and prudently

Byrnes's swift quelling of the tyrant of

the lower deck had its immediate effect.

and when the Sergeant looked around for

other objects of discipline he found none.

passengers to "make way there; gang-

way, please," when they wanted to move

anything, and Si and Shorty were asked to

"These hoodlums of the say." remarked

ships. If they should all sink the divvil'd have to put up barracks outside the works

about you're being the Hi-Muk-a-Muk on the lower deck. Mebbe we'd better stay

down here. You'll have to take a drop if

you go up to the cabin deck, among those

Sergeant. "A jintleman and a soldier al-

ways knows his place, wherever he is. Oi'm

more comfortably aisy among the aigles

and shtars, as you call thim, than among this ruck of the Ould Nick's own. Oi wish

though, that sailor-robbing crimp of a Sec ond Mate had had more sand in his craw.

Oi'd loiked to've claned up the deck with

"We'll go up, all the same," answered the

This from Shorty with a laugh.

"Well, Sergeant, there's no question

to house thim all.'

eagles and stars."

The deck hands were civilly asking the

stowed away, he began to take action.

niture were sent hither and yon with equal

eral Charge of Public Order on the Steam-

Some of the most important passengers, ings in steam profanity.

"Great Jehosephat, just hear the old man swearing by steam," grinned Shorty. "I've eard it often done on the Mississippi-in fact they're most always at it-they were most always cussing there—but I never heard it done quite so artistically as he is doing it. You can almost hear the very words ripping out. Just listen to that, That says almost as plain as you could by word of mouth'

"There, there, Will! Stop right there," dmonished his wife. "I won't have you ven repeating what those wicked men say when they're mad. You've done quite enough of that on your own account. Don't

Shorty could therefore only wink at Si. another torrent of ear-splitting and quite evident profane expletives

At last Generals and Colonels, Senators

down into the water as ill-temperedly as

could point her prow straight for the Ches-

aptain, "Messenger coming, sir. Appar-

They all looked, and the Captain could

not help swearing out loud, even in the

hearing of his distinguished company, as

he rang the bell to stop the engine, and

ordered the helmsman to turn the yessel

They saw the tall, soldierly form of

Serg't Byrnes striding in strictly military

common time down toward the dock, wav-

ing in his hand a large white official enve-

ope. The Captain might be in a hurry,

looking disapproval at the Captain's slow-

"Why the devil don't he double-quick?"

snorted the Captain. "This ain't dress parade. Come on there, Sergeant, in a

you were ordered to the front and center-

March - you," the Captain added under

The Sergeant did not quicken his pace a

particle, but marched as if solemnly moving

He came up the gangplank, which was thrust out for him, and when one of the

mpatient officers would have snatched his

envelope from him to see what it contained,

Beg pardon, sir. That's me furlough,

and arders to carry the Flag, and ripri-

"But what of Davis? Haven't you

something about Jeff Davis?" they eagerly

"The last glimpse Oi had av him, sir, ne'd pulled off his coat and boots, an' was

lying quietly on his cot, meditating on his

back for, then?" inquired the Captain

Oi had arders to take the nixt boat,

answered Byrnes with dignity.
"But, confound it," shouted the Captain,

ordering the boat about, and to give her

ull steam, "we weren't the next boat. You

this evening. No such a devil of a rush to

could've come on just as well by another

come off for several days yet."
"Me arders was to take the nixt boat,

answered the Sergeant, impassively. "You

were the nixt boat. You hadn't started

until you were out av gunshot av the

Regular Army put on more airs and authority than Major-Generals," said the

These blanked Mick Sergeants of the

'And these swell-headed Captains of

ransports have to be larned their business

every hour av the day," returned Byrnes composedly. "They think because they're

same, Captain, without any more words."

hired by the month they're regularly

avil ways or some new divilmint, sir."

"Sir, the guard is formed."

saying as he respectfully saluted:

"Nothing at all, sir."

"What's he doing?"

angrily.

aptain angrily.

it certainly he was not.

less in returning:

his breath.

out to report:

ently from the Fort.'

apeake, and begin her swift run for Wash

the whistle had "cussed." The vessel gath

ered headway, and moved out to where she

Serg't Byrnes, of the Artillery, Takes Gen-, with the contempt of his class for everybody that did not wear a uniform. er and Also Meets the Widow of His Old undisciplined voluntairs shpoil such cattle as that. You stand around and take their slack as if they were somebody. We take around the clerk's office awaiting assignslack as if they were somebody. We take without whom the steamer could not start, a snarp reer in their same are me hung about so long, watching Jeff Davis entoirely too much of av his lip wan day, ensconced in his quarters and gossiping- about getting off some ardnance supplies. services, and I shall see that your letter is they had the entry to the Fortress—that Whin he started to go out av port Oi put the Captain of the steamer became furious- a 64-pound shot through his whale-house, wanted. A big, broad-shouldered Englishly impatient. He did not dare say what he for not having his flag set. Thin Oi wint man, with a green-lined cork helmet said wanted to about and to his high-ranked to him in a boat, and tould him he ought to angrily: loiterers, but he kept the whistle going in get down on his naze and thank me for short, sharp shrieks, to express his feel not having sunk him at wance, as he de- heyes. served, and Oi'd do the next toime. These beggars must be made to understand that the United States own the the earth, and that they only live and do business by our cruit.

permission, so they ought. "I guess the Captain begins to feel that." laughed Si. "The way he has been toplofting over those Generals has been funny. was surprised that they stood it."

There was difficulty in carrying on After the manner of their kind the slum-After the manner of their kind the slum-graduates who constituted the crew were the lower deck," interposed the steamer

straightening up the deck in a way as if clerk. now was a chance to get even for all the injuries they had ever suffered. They would fine scorn. you defile your lips with those sinful take it out of the passengers standing the enlisted men are quartered there. In about the deck.

They would send the barrels of sand, when the Captain's whistle burst out with they were shifting to trim ship, bowling across the deck, with complete contempt of whoever might be in the way. If passengers did not want their legs or arms and Secretaries were all aboard, and the broken, they must look out for themselves. missioned Colonel of a Virginia regiment, Captain, with what calmness he could mus- and look out very lively. They must have

ered in the after cabin, with the ladies.
In the presence of the officers Serg't Byrnes at once became severely military, and saluted with rigid precision. Every officer as punctiliously returned his salute. It was evident that they highly approved of him.
"I saw you straighten things out below, Sergeant," said one of them quietly. "Quite properly done, sir. By the way, a boisterous crowd came aboard back there at the Point, and are in the front cabin. Their loud talk reaches the ladies.

"Very good, Colonel," said Byrnes, respectfully saluting. "O'm going forward.

On the way forward they passed the Cap-"You tain, who scowled at Byrnes, but was overwhelmed by the Sergeant's air of unmisment to rooms. Byrnes elbowed his way through them, and looked at the diagram. "Give me that room there, next to the officers," said he, authoritatively, indicating with his long forefinger the one he

"Go away, Tommy, bugger your bloody Hi've picked hout that room for myself."
The look that Byrnes turned on him

would have stopped the heart-beat of a re-

"Who are you daring to call Tommy, you pop-eyed Sassenach?" he demanded, with withering haughtiness. "Do you praysume to spake to a United States soldier as you would to one of your dog-collar-wearing, lobster-backed minions of the Quane? Off with you, you Dutchwoman's slave."

"Are they, Quills?" retorted Byrnes with e scorn. "Well, you just look out that the manewhile, you'll wipe your glasses and recognize in me a United States non-com-missioned officer av the rank of Color-Sergeant, traveling under orders, and entitled to quarters next to the commissioned offi Without any more words, you'll just clane your pen, and wroite against that room, "Phelim Byrnes, Sergeant, U. S. A. On public business." Moind that you spell t with a "y." Oi'm none of the common Burnses, but second cousin to the Byrnes, the head of the clan and wance Kings of

He stalked grandly away, with the air that the clerk would do exactly as ordered. The noise in front was rising, and his presence was needed there. The crowd which had come on at Old Point Comfort was a squad of speculators, ex-blockade runners, and generally unscrupulous adventurers, keen on the scent of any opportunity for running risks to make big money, and expecting to pull through by bluff, bribery, reckless employment of any means, from murderous assault to highway robbery. They were of all nationalities, sharpers and sharks from Marseilles, Antwerp, Amsterdam, Bremen, Liverpool and Glasgow, all burly, loud-mouthed and horsey as to clothes. The high prices of cotton tar, rosin and turpentine had gathered them this side the ocean, where they were now picking up, by fair means and foul, whatever rich grabs they could snatch out of the wrecks of the rebellion. All had wads of money, and they had taken as complete possession of the forward cabin as if they owned the boat. They had begun drinking as soon as they came aboard, and were now noisily playing crack-loo with English sovereigns, for the drinks, and anything else that suited their fancy. As they drank and gambled they became more openly abusive of the Yankee Government, the Yankee officers and the Yankee soldiers the were marring so many rich-quick schemes.

Si and Shorty felt a warmth under their collars at what they overheard, and Serg't Byrne's face reddened. He stepped forward into the ring where they were pitch-

"I there, you bloomin' mud-crusher," shouted a Liverpool blockade-runner.
"Take yer bloody 'oofs away from my plunk, blast yer bloody heyes."
Serg't Byrne's reply was to give the overeign a kick which sent it spinning the length of the cabin, and then to seize its owner and jam him down on a chair with a force that seemed to stick him into ter, ordered the lines cast off and the en- eyes before, behind and on both sides at the wooden seat.

the same time, and movements as quick as Slungshots and revolvers were drawn by some of the others, but these were snatched away by the watchful Si and Shorty, and their brandishers treated as the Sergeant handled the first man. Big The crew did this partly through brutal and burly as the men were, they were no match for the quick, sure grasp of those used to handling men in camp disturbances. Non-commissioned officers soon acquire a ready knack at this suppressive work that astonishes civilians, and in a Serg't Byrnes stood this but a mighty minute or two every one of the squad had few seconds. After he had jumped out of been set down with such emphasis that he the way of a barrel of sand that came flyconcluded to consider matters a little be

fore making another move. "Now, jintlemen," said Byrnes, with an official dignity, which had not ruffled a feather, and surveying the collection, "you'll kape your positions until Oi give you lave to stir. This is a country of free spache to ivery man, but the oudmahoun what lisps a worrd against any man wearing the uniform of the United States, or the Government or flag thereof, shall suffer death, or such punishment as the court-martial may direct. See the Articles

"Serg't Byrnes, is that you? Come here immediately," called a querulous feminine voice, from one of the state-rooms in the adies' cabin. "Yes, m'am," responded the Sergeant

"What d'ye mane, ye Secesh spawn av hurrying obediently back.
"Serg't Byrnes. I'm glad I've found Foive Points, by trating the United States uniform with disrespect, and insulting the somebody at last to do something for me. jintlemen who wear it?" sternly demanded Nobody here will pay me the least attention. I heard that you'd come aboard, but - the Second Mate started I couldn't find you until I recognized your to growl, but the breath was shaken out voice," continued the lady, a large, fleshy person, coming out of her door toward "Stop that. Don't you dare swear at him. "I want you to go down on the lower me, you whisky-soaking crimp, or O'ill jerk deck and find my trunk. You'll know it at e thrust it into the breast of his coat, your hide off over yer head. Stand erect once, as soon as you see it. It's the same one the Captain used to have. Have it The Second Mate had a bully's quickbrought right up to my room."

'Yes, m'am," said the Sergeant, very

espectfully. "And then go and find the stewardess and tell her that I must have a jug of hot water immediately. My head's just bursting, and nothing will do it any good but

hot water.

"Yes, ma'am, you shall have the hot water at once," said Serg't Byrnes. "And then go and find one of the chambermaids, and order her to come here and il ways or some new divilmint, sir." get out of the way of a man laying up a "What the devil did you call the vessel ladder. make up my berth properly. Bring her right here. The berth isn't fit to lie upon as it is.' 'Yes, ma'am," responded the Sergeant,

Serg't Byrnes quite loudly and distinctly, as he, Si and Shorty moved down toward "And I want you to stay around where the stern through a lane opened up for them by the deck hands, "nade being kilt can call you if I need anything more, continued the lady, with petulant authority. "I have such an awful time getting at least wance a week, in arder to make anybody to do anything for me. men have gone into the army or the navy, laving the offal to man these merchant 'Yes, ma'am," answered Serg't Byrnes.

"That's the widdy of me old Captain, God rest his soul," Serg't Byrnes explained to the wondering Si and Shorty, as he started upon his errands. noblest man and the best soldier that iver drawed the breath av loife. He was a General, and kilt at the head of his brigade at Cold Harbor. His widdy thinks she is still in the army, and commanding the ould company. She shall niver know different as far as Oi'm concerned, for his sake, may the holy saints be ivver round

(To be continued.)

OUR CONSTANTLY GROWING FOREIGN TRADE.

In spite of everything our foreign exports of manufactures continue to gre "No, I never saw a man wilt as he did, rapidly, and for the fiscal year, which ended Though a Captain of a steamer has dig- when you caught him by the scruff of the June 30, they were the highest in our his-Irish Sergeants of the Regular Army, who swered Shorty. "He ought at least made a knew his place and his worth.

Sergeants of the Regular Army, who swered Shorty. "He ought at least made a kick to've held his own on his own deck." The Captain gave up the unequal contest much to the amusement of the army officers, who knew Byrnes, and relieved his feelings by wicked notes on the whistle.

"These waters belong to the United States," said Byrnes, with a fine, swelling air of proprietorship, "and the United States officers and men riprisint the owner-states of leather increased nearly \$6,000,000; agricultural implements, come up to within about a mile of the Russians, begin a rapid long-range fire, which they continue until the noise and which they continue until the noise and confusion give the Russians nervous prostration, when they advance and occupy the Russian position.

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"Well, you laid it into that high and mighty Captain in great shape," laughed Shorty, as Serg't Byrnes came over to them. "You talked to him like a Dutch uncle."

States officers and men riprisint the owner-ship. Oi'm going to make it respected. There'd be Ould Nick to pay all the toime around here, if we didn't lay a heavy hand on these world-scrapings that the war's books, etc., \$1,000,000; cars and carriages, \$2,000,000; tration, when they advance and occupy the Russian position.

They ascended to the cabin-deck. The

officers and distinguished guests were gath-